## **Introduced by Senator Maldonado**

## February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 15201 of the Government Code, relating to homicide trial costs.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 827, as introduced, Maldonado. Homicide trial costs.

Existing law, with respect to the reimbursement of counties by the Controller for certain costs of homicide trials, defines the term "costs incurred by the county."

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in that definition.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:* 

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 15201 of the Government Code is
- amended to read:
  15201. As used in this chapter, "costs incurred by the county"
- 4 means all costs, except normal salaries and expenses, incurred by
- 5 the county in bringing to trial or trials, including the trial or trials
- 6 of, a person or persons for the offense of homicide, including
- 7 costs, except normal salaries and expenses, incurred by the
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- 8 district attorney in investigation and prosecution, by the sheriff in
- 9 investigation, by the public defender or court-appointed attorney
- 10 or attorneys in investigation and defense, and all other costs,
- 11 except normal salaries and expenses, incurred by the county in
- 12 connection with bringing the person or persons to trial including
- 13 the trial itself, which includes extraordinary expenses for such

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- services such as witness fees and expenses, court-appointed
- expert witnesses, reporter fees, and costs in preparing transcripts.
- 3 Trial costs shall also include all pretrials, hearings, and 4 postconviction proceedings, if any. "Costs incurred by the
- 5 county" do not include any costs paid by the superior court or for
- 6 which the superior court is responsible.